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## Smoking among young Filipinos down, says WHO

**CHICKEN** among young Filipinos has fallen by about a third during a three-year period, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

The number of adolescents aged 13-15 smoking in the country dropped, the WHO said, as a testament after a just survey of 11,540 students and 7,474 students between 16 and 19.

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## Sex, social activities risk of Alzheimer's

By Marlene S. Rivers

GOING out to socialize with friends and people who are not family members can help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease, a study has found.



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# Villar: Don't blackmail us

## Senators hit oil firms for price hikes threat

By Michael Lita Ulan

**WARNING** from oil firms that pump prices and power rates will rise if tax exemptions of petroleum products are lifted are a form of blackmail the Senate senators accuse.

"We will do with our 'tools' as we see fit," Sen. John Uy said, referring to measures to raise oil prices, although it is still committed to fighting inflation and supporting the new government.

The Independent Philippine Petroleum Producers Association said that lifting the 50% exemption would mean a 11 percent increase in the price of petroleum products, and possibly a 10 percent increase in electricity rates.

"I think this is a form of blackmail in a form of arms race on the part of the oil companies," Sen. Juan Pardo-Ocampo said.

He said that the oil and power companies have previously said that a higher VAT would result in a hike in power rates by at least 50% per kilowatt hour.

"They cannot just take interest and threaten the public of price increases. It does not work that way at all this time. The regulatory bodies are very in and out. They are trying to protect the consumers," Villar said.

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ISLANDS IN THE SUN

President Benigno Aquino III checks out the scenic beauty of Quezon Island, the largest of the San Juan Islands, which is now undergoing development to get back the "look" as it was before the 1945 war.

## RP in no hurry to rejoin US-led coalition

**THE PHILIPPINES** is in no hurry to rejoin the United States-led coalition of the willing in Iraq although it is still committed to fighting terrorism and supporting the new government there.

During a visit to Iraq, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said the government was still studying what the country's proper contribution would be in Iraq, adding that the main purpose of any country's foreign policy was to self-interest.

In his state of the Union address, the other day President George Bush said the US would "continue to build coalitions" to combat terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Aquino, one of the first Asian leaders to support the US-led coalition in Iraq, stressed that the country's foreign policy was to self-interest.

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## Capability of 2 CAP investors questioned

By Christine G. Arellano

**SENATORS** questioning the capacity of the two investors of the new power plant in Cebu, saying they are not qualified to handle the project.

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## Moody's says RP could get higher credit rating

**INTERNATIONAL** credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the Philippines' credit rating to 'Baa1' from 'Baa2'.

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PHOTO: A photograph of a group of people, including a man in a suit, looking at a large map or document.

## WHO'S MARTIN SORIANO? The NBI agent who bragged of ties to FVR

By John L. Santos

**IN HIS DEBATE** in the 1990s, Martin Soriano was in "Satan's" and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) agent who bragged of ties to the Far East Republic (FER).

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## 7 cops being probed as accomplices

By Christine V. Esguerra

**SEVEN** police officers are being probed as accomplices in the murder of a police officer, according to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

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Baguio	20°C/68°F	65%	10-15 kph
Alor	28°C/82°F	75%	10-15 kph

# Let's have a truce, gov't asks NDF

## But Reds say they're losing interest in peace talks

THE GOVERNMENT has formally asked the National Democratic Front, the political arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines, to agree to a ceasefire as a condition for resuming the protracted peace talks with the communist insurgents.

The request, announced by the Department of Foreign Affairs, is a direct challenge to the NDF's long-standing refusal to accept a ceasefire as a condition for resuming the peace talks. The NDF's refusal to accept a ceasefire as a condition for resuming the peace talks is a direct challenge to the government's position.

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### Garcia did not declare 2 cars, say LTO men

By Alvin Pineda

TWO OFFICIALS of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) yesterday said they did not declare President Benigno Aquino III's two cars as tax-exempt.

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# NPA's threaten to attack foreign mining firms

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# Capability of 2 CAP investors questioned

By Kenneth B. Tan

investors to pay to financial losses in value.

They said CAP was addressing its capital deficiency problems, citing that as its pending capital infusion from Green Circle Properties and other investors (more than \$50 million) would provide the company with P1 billion and P1.5 billion, respectively.

## Investors' capability

But the reports triggered serious doubts about the capability of the two investors that CAP is counting on to raise its financial worth.

Under its memorandum of understanding with Green Circle Properties and its parent, Roman Reyes, the latter changed its name to alleged ill-fated GCP.

Reyes, who chairs the board and manages, had previously filed the hearing that he had checked on GCP and did not find anything about its financial condition to be true.

## Zero capital

Reyes said CAP had submitted to the joint committee only one document, a Nevada Secretary of State record saying that GCP either had a bad name or was not a company.



**PHOTO BY JIMMY L. LACOR, ENRIQUE SOLER, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS (CAA), IS SEEN HERE WITH A GROUP OF SENIORS DURING A JOINT HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, CONSUMER AND TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

He said the Nevada-based First American Investments (FAI) was a study of a "private equity management company" that had been set up to manage the assets of the CAA.

## Double-blind

Reyes said he had also been

found Soler's testimony regarding the "double-blind" CAP had the FAI bill to be used to pay the claims of the claimants.

"But because you have P1 billion, it does not mean it's a day because you will have a P1-billion deficiency once you reach the end," he said.

Reyes also noted that he is company's president and its chairman of the board, CAP said he was not going to pay for the company's financial losses.

"We further point out that if they are not going to pay for the losses, we will not pay for the losses," he said. "We will not pay for the losses, we will not pay for the losses, we will not pay for the losses."

Asked what the members of the board of the FAI, Reyes said that he was not going to pay for the company's financial losses.

He added that CAP was taking on the responsibility of the FAI but he did not know them personally other than only his presidency that the SEC approved a memorandum of understanding between CAP and FAI.

Soler said that for the purposes of the bill, the FAI was not a company but a "company with assets in place."

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## 750,000 plan holders

During the hearing, the committee said they wanted to find out the "true financial picture" of CAP from officials of the financial institutions who have been involved in the hearing.

Under the country's legal system, a private company, who reported in 2003 to have received a total fund deficiency of P1.3 billion, was not allowed to pay the claims of its investors.

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## Japan assures RP legit entertainers welcome

*New policy won't affect visa holders*

Dr. Philip C. Scherer

HILFING contractors who already have visas to work in Japan would not be affected since the new Japanese immigration policy tightening the entry of foreign workers takes effect in March. Foreign Affairs Secretary Atsushi Okamoto said in a statement yesterday.

Samuels said that Japanese Foreign Minister Makino's assured him during a rare lunch working dinner in Tokyo on Thursday that once the announcement of Japan's immigration law takes effect in March 2005, there will be no restrictions on his admission.

This means instant performing artists (Giffai) who already have their working visa could still go to Japan.

**TOKYO**—Japan has promised the Philippines it will not target Filipino workers here for legislative measures aimed at tightening of immigration rules to fight human trafficking, a Japanese diplomat said earlier.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Browne at a news conference said that Japan kept its doors open to Filipino entertainers, who used home video to make money.

"In response, Minister Machimaru said those who truly have proper skills and are recognized by proper authorities and organizations should not have problems coming to and working in Japan," the diplomat said.

"Those who are already in, again should of us have no problem if they have legal permits to work here," he said.

Granting next month, Japan is planning to restrict entertainment visas to people with

The movie came after Japan was put on a UN blacklist for slavery due to the large number of foreign women who come to Japan and end up working in its rent and mostly internet sex industry.

On Thursday, Japanese police said they also suspect regular business to prove that foreign employees had work permits. They hope to have them say to human smuggling the sex trade, which is illegal but widely available in Japan.

Nearly 300,000 Filipinos work in Japan, many in bars and other nightspots. They are part of the Philippines' vast overseas labor force, whose billions of dollars remitted each year are equivalent to 17 percent of the gross.

Separately, the two foreign ministers agreed to make progress toward a free-trade agreement, the diplomats said.

President Menzies' terms and Agostini Prime Minister Juanito Salazar agreed on basic points of a trade pact in November on the



### Filipino sentenced to death in Brunei for killing girlfriend

**PHILIPINE NEWS**—A Filipino with a history of psychiatric problems has been sentenced to death in Manila for murdering his Filipino girlfriend.

Abdullah Furkan, 58, a Muslim convert formerly known as Fikret Furkan, and arrested him on Thursday in Iraq for the death of 58-year-old David in May 2003.

The court heard Puccio grabbed Mink, a 22-year-old woman, in the chest with a knife while she was working at a restaurant in Boulder, New Mexico.

Parson then tried to kill himself repeatedly with a knife, tea yolk and paper cutter, but workers at the moment prevented him from doing so, according himself.

Parson's lawyers told the court he was incapable to treat a long history of psychiatric problems, and medical experts were sworn in four months to testify that he was not aware of his actions when he murdered blind.

But judge Chen Fubao (right) charged and Prosecutor General Zhang Jun (left) accused a strong enough opposition before the bid to escape the death penalty.

*Parsons said from Beijing to Reuters.*

A Philippine Embassy official said Ponce would appear before the Appellate Court, which is made up of a panel of three High Court judges.

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# We need Cha-cha, NPC solon tells Palace

By Carlo Pablo

THE RECENT economic policy cannot be unlinked or even stalled without structural changes through constitutional amendments.

This was the pointed warning that Tarlac Rep. Gilberto "Bado" Jr. yesterday directed at Malacañang, in reaction to his lukewarm reception to the House's efforts to revive the issue of Charter change with the aim of effecting a shift to a parliamentary and federal form of government.

Bado recalled that amending the 1987 Constitution was a major campaign promise of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"The whole nation heard the President well [in 2004] when she made the promise to push for Charter amendments. She anchored her candidacy on the need to pursue structural reforms. Where is that promise now?" he told reporters.

Bado is a key member of the Nationalist People's Coalition led by his uncle, late senator Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco. The NPC is a major ally of the ruling Lakas-CDP.

In Arroyo's recently revised party, the bulk of the Malaya-Pilipino, had warned of a split in the Lakas-Nacional coalition in the House should the ruling party leader insist on pushing Charter change.

Bado said the matter was "an issue worth risking the coalition for."

He suggested, however, that the Liberal Party chaired by Senate President Franklin Drilon might be reluctant to support Charter change because its members had supposedly set their sights on taking Malacañang in the 2010 presidential election.

The LP is said to be pinning its hopes on Sen. Manuel "Mang" Eraso III, who topped the last senatorial election and is rumored to be its standard-bearer in the coming.

Commenting on Drilon's strong opposition to Charter change, Bado said: "We have no choice but to continue trying to convince him."

Bado said the current presidential system with a bicameral legislative system had proved incapable to meet the demand for swift reforms.

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# The World

Lita Lameris R. Gueco

## Afghan plane with 104 on board missing

KABUL—An Afghan passenger jet with 104 people including a number of foreigners on board was feared to have crashed after failing to arrive in Kabul amid heavy winter snow storms, officials said Friday.

Officials from private Afghan company Kain said there had been no contact with the Boeing 737 traveling from the eastern city of Herat to the capital since Thursday afternoon, when it had failed to land in Herat.

International procedures for the Afghan airline were both working for the plane to fly to the capital and to return while the US military said it was ready to help if needed.

The plane was carrying 100 passengers, including about 100 foreign citizens, and was en route to Kabul.

So far, no one has been seen and no Afghan could be reached on board, officials said.

Three American women aged between 20 and 30 and working for a health services agency were among the passengers, an official with a non-governmental organization in Herat said on condition of anonymity.

The US Embassy in Kabul was "aware of the possibility" but was uncertain on the status but could not give any confirmation because it does not have passenger lists, spokeswoman Sherry Leland responded.

As the officials said the plane had been en route to Herat, it was not clear if it was en route to Kabul for passengers or to Herat for cargo.

The plane had crashed with all 104 people on board, including the pilot and co-pilot, said a Kain Air representative, adding that they were trying to contact the plane.

"It is a serious issue," he added. Kain Air operations department said.

Rich Mulholland, spokesman for the plane operator, said the plane was en route to Herat at 11:30 a.m. before contact was lost.

"We are not sure if the plane was en route to Herat or to Kabul," he added.

A Pakistani team to investigate the crash had not yet been sent, Mulholland said. Pakistani authorities said they had no record of a Kain Air flight leaving in any Pakistani city Thursday night.



**THEY'RE NOT DOGS**  
Cocker Spaniel, Basset Hound, Boxer, Bull Terrier and Poodle are pictured at home at Dignity House Pet Care and Day in Barnwell, England. Thursday after being mistreated by their owners, the dogs were rescued and placed in the Dignity House at Barnwell, England, and are being trained to support.

## UN stunned by Iraq oil program scandal

UNITED NATIONS—A stunning investigation and the head of the UN oil-for-food program is being accused of mismanagement of a \$1 billion program in a scandal which has badly shaken the image of the United Nations.

The results of the probe emerged in the news from the UN's decision to allow the UN oil-for-food program a commanding lead but inspectors found lack with a score of 100 out of 100.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan immediately ordered disciplinary action against the official, Hussein Suleiman, who has denied wrongdoing.

Annun was "shocked" by the revelations in the investigation, said his chief of staff John Mahoney.

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## Bush's 'misguided' call angers Iran

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush's attack on Iran as the world's primary sponsor of terror and his call for the bombing for its people has further inflamed tensions between Tehran and its allies in the Middle East.

Bush's threat of the United States was the latest US move in an increasingly bitter war of words over Iran's nuclear program.

The US president said that Iran was a "clear and present danger" to the world and that it was "time to act."

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## Shiite-backed candidates lead in initial Iraq poll results

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## 53 dead as Indian train collides with tractor

NEW DELHI—Fifty-three people were killed in a collision between a train and a tractor in India, officials said.

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## Mermaid syndrome

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER—A woman in the Philippines was diagnosed with mermaid syndrome, a rare condition where the lower half of the body is missing.

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# National swim team sets sights on SEAG title

FOR A CHANGE, the Philippine national swimming team will no longer be among the teams in preparation for international competitions.

This development after that of Commonwealth Games, the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) agreed to be the prohibitor of aquatic, which also includes water polo and diving, during the pending review conducted by the Philippine Olympic Committee.

After last month, the POC chief Executive Officer, Francisco Rivera, National Capital Region Aquatics Swimming Association (NASWA) president and POC member, said that the POC will not be a member of the POC. Rivera said that the POC will not be a member of the POC.

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**SWIMMING SUPPORTER:** Clara Rivera (left), Raul de Mesa (middle), Christopher, former National Aquatics Association (right) and Raul de Mesa (right) during the ceremony.

## NCA hosts 7-cock

THE PRESIDENTIAL National College Students (NCA) 7-cock tournament will be held at the NCA 7-cock tournament.

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**JOHN** Ababa (right) prepares his tee shot with caddy Tony Arevalo (left) during the 7-cock tournament.

# NAT'L CADDIES Ababa settles for 2-shot win

By: [Name]

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# Across the NATION

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## Impose VAT on IPPs, local execs urge

By Business Staff  
Aldrin Reyes

**CEBU CITY**—The president of the League of Provinces in the Philippines (LUP) and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) has called for the lifting of the Value-Added Tax (VAT) exemptions being enjoyed by independent power producers (IPPs) and the professionals.

Referring to the Association of the Philippines (AP) and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) as the two chambers of Congress could mean up with the National Conference and the common view by the two sectors that the two persons in power in the country would put up with the current situation.

He pointed out that the IPPs even follow the law in terms of the government does not get a single cent from them.

He added that professionals like lawyers, doctors, architects and engineers even a lot of money but are exempted from paying VAT.

The general feeling, around that in lifting the exemption, the

professionals should still a provision that would prevent the IPPs and the professionals from paying on the basis of payment in kind.

"The two chambers in Congress must solve this problem. They must make a provision that could ensure the possibility that the VAT implementation would be positive in their class," he said.

Asamblea said the IPP and the ULAP have understood and supported the tax measures being pushed by the Senate administration.

"From last time the start, we have been supportive of the proposed measures of the administration to solve the country's problem on (the economy)," the president said.

Asamblea added the public is motivated the need to generate revenues through adjustment in taxes because the government needed to get additional revenues for its development projects.

But he said there were some concerns on the implementation of the VAT increase as to what to expect the impact of the tax adjustment on the poor.

"In the end, only the rich and the middle-income classes will be affected by the VAT increase," he said. Asamblea said he was hopeful that the economy would be able to solve its basic problems once Congress passes these right tax measures.

## Tanauan mayor's bodyguard tagged in killing of 2

**DANANG CITY**—The bodyguard of this city's mayor killed two people and injured one after he overheard a group of men exchanging jokes at a video and operating in a room.

The killings took place on Feb. 26, but officers by officials in the city did not find the bodies of the victims.

Victims Fernando Malpelo, 25, and Nelson Sanchez, 28, residents of Danang City, were killed on the spot after being killed, one of Mayor Alfredo Carmona's bodyguards, fired at them and another friend outside the hotel of the

Mayor's bodyguard in the room.

The third victim, Hernan Mendez, also a resident of the hotel, survived, but is in critical condition at the City General Hospital, also in Danang.

According to a witness, who requested anonymity, the mayor was attending a video session party at the Malpelo Hotel when at 11 a.m. today, one of his bodyguards, fired at the three men outside the hotel.

The video is just in front of the St. John Evangelical Church.

"The victims were exchanging jokes outside the room when the gun-wielding bodyguard came out and fired at them," the source said. "They were probably irritated by the victims' jokes and chose to observe them with his gun."

Tanauan police investigation uncovered 22 bullet casings of a 9 mm pistol and six casings of bullets for a .45-caliber pistol in front of the murder scene.

But the Tanauan City police said the mayor for the shooting was not involved.

"There has been no indication

that he was in Tanauan since Dec. 26 because the mayor is a good friend of the city police chief, Capt. Antonio Aguilar," the source said. "We don't know the number of all the people who use the services. Tanauan Mayor said he was not involved in the shooting."

Carmona admitted that being a mayor of the city.

"The authorities are pointing at being as the suspect, but I don't know because he has not been reported in any other way," Carmona said. He is Mayor of the City of Danang, the



**UPDATES**  
An Army soldier takes his hands in to follow soldiers part of the Sierra Madre mountains range in Quezon province. Filipino soldiers are in the province to help the people in the area.

## Former NPA leader wounded in slay try

By Chris A. Reyes  
Aldrin Reyes

**MANILA CITY**—A former rebel leader who was wounded in a slay attempt on Feb. 26, was taken to the hospital.

"We have not recovered any weapons yet," the source said. "The wounded leader is being treated in the hospital."

He said the source had been the leader of the group.

The source said the group was taken to the General Antonio Aragon Hospital in Manila, about 10 km from the city.

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## DENR execs deny reporting illegal logging in Albay

**MANILA CITY**—The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in Albay denied submitting a report on illegal logging in the province.

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# Nikki

## in a bottle

By David Miller  
Photos by Grant Tinker

**S**AMAY means in Hindi love  
for. I'll tell my students about  
your love. Send them some  
postcards or letters, maybe pay-day,  
maybe pay-day, maybe super or maybe.

You must be wondering about the girl in the torn Coke container. No, she isn't making a record and singing while handling Coke bottles to different people on the street.

Enter Mikee Gil, the latest Coke girl who is currently making waves on our TV screens, the hostess of fruit- or between-soorties shows and chatshows. This 17-year-old Ayrton, who graduated as a high school valedictorian, plays the piano and sings in her dad's band, like no one else where she got that angelic voice that has kept people captivated.

During one shoot, the handle got told me that she was only Gaby's second choice for the commercial. Apparently, the first model lacked an "aura" of "legitimacy, Lucky Nihil." "I guess it was God's will that he gave me this project," she said. The commercial is about holding on to dreams and keeping hope alive, after all.

Super? destined to shoot him as a prize—a prize in a Celine locale. During the shoot, she finds the camera with a woman as Super, photographer Steve Thomsen, dressed her.

We were convinced—this girl is someone to watch out for. She may not work with, she has a fantastic personality and a cute smile that she put with the outfit of Inuits. It's no surprise that the big TV networks are already fighting over her. We were issued that Gaudy film last year that's making. We will definitely be seeing more of this girl in the future. And we're glad.

When I retire, I would like to be able to say to myself 'I am glad I did' rather than 'I wish I had'

It can be a blessing or a curse. If you don't know how to handle it, it can ruin you, before you breathe a public figure, despite pretty much disavow how they must to some you. You can either regard these opportunities constructively and improve on yourself, or allow it to destroy your confidence and self-acceptance of who you really are.

The thing I love most about what I do is...  
 Being things I love to do is my passion.  
 I joined New School because I wanted to be in high school, I am part of a church choir, I started doing gymnastics as a young girl and still do when I'm tired. And now, I am very happy to go on stage and sing "Squidgy" song and dance the baby like someone.  
 People might be surprised to know that I...  
 Despite my love for having there is a side of me that is not so happy.  
 The most important thing I've ever...

Intersect at this point...

I try to focus on doing the best I can in every endeavor I undertake, knowing that the important thing is that I'm at peace with myself. Although, I also know that I can't please everyone. No matter how hard I try, it's just not possible. I'll just have to live with that.

I wish when I posted off I've been told that ...

The worst thing that ever happened to me was that...

I had to go through the horrible phase of adolescence (manity as a result of my sex as the oil glands, I had acne!) which seemed to have gone on for like forever.

And what this taught me was ...  
That luxury can come and go but what's  
most important is the person inside.

Forgetting the past and moving on toward your dreams.

My head was well-mounted in a...  
 Considerable part of mine and a little with  
 neck, dark, and mountain.  
 My finger-knawing night-visions of...

The week's work was followed by a night of dinner and a movie with family as I broke the soundtrack to my life movie: *Heaven*. The song "Heaven of the" is from the album

If I were invisible for a day, I would ...  
 Convince Catholic teachers' bosses and state

the thing that makes me most angry is ...  
When things start to go wrong, and I can't  
do anything about it.

I would inspire everyone to follow the golden rule.

The best thing about my family is that...  
We share each other's company. We can  
laugh at just about anything under the sun.  
When I'm gone, they'll probably say...  
While visiting my caretaker, "The could use  
more laundry!"

If money was no option...

It doesn't have to be highly expensive. It can be as simple as a warm smile, surely it can brighten up one's day—as simple as that can be some regions. Though if money was an option, I'd give out of poverty in the Philippines and turn the country's various tourist destinations.

When I retire, I would like ...  
 (to be able to say to myself "I am glad I did")

The world would be a much better place if ...

My friends are...

The thing that makes life worth living is...  
Waking up every morning, knowing that

My greatest hope for the future is ...  
That we will all realize that we only hope

He is knowing God.  
 The worst thing somebody said about  
 me was...  
 That I can't accept Jesus.

My favorite moments are when...  
I am without stopping or when  
My most embarrassing moment was  
when...

*I'm wanting you like a ...*

**My biggest indulgence is...**  
Aspirin for the latest & burnout gelato.  
**My current state of mind is**

That the more I examine, after all, how many 17-year-olds get the chance to be interviewed by Tina Turner?

My New Favorite number is \_\_\_\_\_

I inspire today...  
I inspire...

Super

# Shang-Mac attack



THE VIEW from the main pool

By Pam Pastor

**Y**OU'RE in paradise and you don't want to leave. Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort's 10:30 shuttle bus is about to leave for Cebu City but a lot of the seats are empty. The next one leaves in an hour and it's safe to say that it wouldn't be full either.

It seems that no one wants to leave paradise—and that is no big surprise.

The cool and spacious lobby welcomed you at noon. You should have waited for your turn to check-in like good adults are supposed to but the lure of the beach was too strong. You ran down to the sandy shore and let the tide kiss your toes. Your jeans contrasted with the bikinis and the sarongs that were in abundance but it didn't matter. When the water beckons, one must come.

After finally finding the strength to tear yourself away from the beach, you went back to your room but only to change into proper beachwear. Eager to go out in the sun again, you stood in front of the elevator, tapping your foot impatiently. When it finally opened, a familiar face walked out.

"Uy, si Boy Abunda," the cleaning lady whispered loudly from behind her cart of hotel toiletries, trying to catch the attention of the bell-boy who was standing nearby. The talk show master was fiddling with the keycard and open-

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COCO LOCO. Fresh coconut from Buko Bar and Grill



TRIP FLOR. Havaianas make it to Cebu



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